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COCAINE BRIBES & SEX..

Phina on life in bush
and what she **REALLY**
thinks of rival celebs

■ **STEAMY:**
Phina
has told all
about life in
the TV jungle

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JUNGLE babe Phina Oruche last night revealed that show chiefs offered contestants bribes and treats to sex up I'm A Celebrity.

She joked that some of her shattered rivals suddenly started acting like they been given cocaine! Evicted

Footballers' Wives star Phina also gave her outspoken views on her fellow celebrities.

And she added that her jungle stint had left her gagging for chocolate... and a steamy romp with her secret lover.

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COUNCIL TAX HITS £1500

Bills rise 84% under Labour

by JAMES WICKHAM

THE average council tax bill could soon hit £1,500, the Tories claimed yesterday.

The warning came after the Government announced plans to hand out an extra £3.1BILLION to councils next year.

Local Government Minister Phil Woolas said the extra money on top of the existing £65.7bn handout was something to celebrate.

And he boasted the cash would help keep council tax rises to only 5% next year – DOUBLE the inflation rate.

But Tory spokesman Eric Pickles said council tax had "gone through the roof" since Labour came to power in 1997, with bills soaring 84% to this year's average £1,268 for a Band D property.

He said this year's five per cent rise meant hard-pressed pensioners and families would have to find an extra £63 and the average bill could hit £1,500 if similar rises occurred until the end of Labour's term.

Crippling

But Mr Pickles added: "The bad news is that an ordinary family in an ordinary house faces the prospect of a crippling £1,500 of council tax by the end of Labour's third term of office. Surely a shocking and crippling legacy."

Woolas said the rise would mean Government grants had risen by 39% in real terms since 1997. And he said local politicians would be delighted.

But the Local Government Association said this year's settlement had not kept pace with the growing demands on council services caused by the ageing population.

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Strain on the train

RAIL travellers will face a massive price rise for tickets in the new year.

Fares will go up by an extra 4.3% on most journeys from January – some by as much as 12.5%.

Passenger Focus chief executive Anthony Smith said: "If you want to travel longer-distance in the peak and don't know exactly when you are coming back, you will pay very, very dearly."

Sardines

Shadow transport secretary Chris Grayling said: "Train companies are ripping out the seats to create extra standing room and expecting passengers to pay through the nose to travel like sardines."

The Association of Train Operating Companies said the money was needed to pay for "service improvements".

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Mum tears for Laura

THE heartbroken mother of a teenager knifed to death in a museum by her ex-boyfriend said she was devastated at the loss of her "beautiful girl".

Pauline Bailey spoke at this picture was released of Laura, 17, cradling her baby son.

Kevin Howard, 21, of Kirkby, Merseyside, stabbed Laura at the World Museum in Liverpool on Sunday as she cradled their child. He then leapt to his death from a balcony. Police are not looking for anybody else in connection with the deaths.

Pauline, from south Liverpool, said: "Laura was a beautiful girl, who was loved by everyone."



Happy Birthday

Welsh winger and Manchester United ace Ryan Giggs is 33 today.



Thought for the day...

If you mated a bulldog and a shih-tzu, what would it be called?

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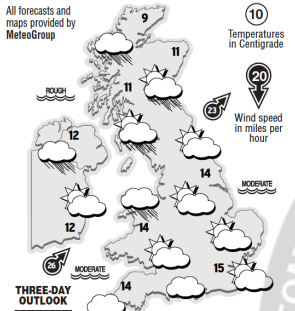
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INFO STATION

TODAY: Scotland will be windy with rain in the west. Brighter spells in eastern Scotland. Northern Ireland, Wales and western England will be rather cloudy with coastal drizzle. The rest of England will have sunny spells.

OUTLOOK: Tomorrow, Scotland and Northern Ireland will be wet and windy. England and Wales will have sunshine. The rain will affect southern and eastern England on Friday.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Thursday
Showers

Friday
Showers

Saturday
Rain

POUND ABROAD

Australia	2.36 dollars
Canada	2.09 dollars
Cyprus	0.81 pounds
Czech Republic	38.07 korunas
Mexico	19.20 pesos
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Turkey	2.68 new lira
United States	1.85 dollars

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ABROAD

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Corfu	sunny	19c (66f)	N York	fair	15c (59f)
Dublin	cloudy	11c (52f)	Nice	sunny	18c (64f)
L.A.	cloudy	14c (57f)	Paris	cloudy	13c (55f)
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THE DAILY STAR SAYS

TWO more financial blows were inflicted on the people yesterday.

Figures showed that next year's council tax rises are likely to average 5% – around twice the level of inflation. Train fares are to soar by up to 12.6%, even though we have one of the world's most expensive railways.

This double-whammy can hardly be justified by improvements in performance.

Tony Blair promised to end rip-off Britain when he came to power. But rather than ensure hard-working families get value for money, he's skimmed them.

LOTTO DAILY PLAY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28

1 4 6 8 9 11 25
No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 prize

SATURDAY LOTTO NOVEMBER 25

4 7 31 38 44 48 1
Four tickets shared the £4.6m jackpot
Dream Number: 0-7-3-9-7-4. No £500,000 winners.
T'Ball: 7, 12, 23, 26, 34 (T'ball 13). No £250k winners.

WEDNESDAY LOTTO NOVEMBER 22

14 15 24 31 45 49 34
One ticket scooped the £2.5m jackpot
Dream Number: 8-3-9-2-5-8-8. No £500,000 winners.
T'ball: 12, 13, 16, 28, 29, (T'ball 9). No £250k winners.

EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY NOV 24

5, 8, 17, 25, 40
Lucky Star Numbers 1, 5
2 winners share jackpot and get £5m each

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BREAST FRIENDS

BOSOM pals Stephanie, 22, from London, and 21-year-old Essex girl Sam both love Spanish food, sports cars and watching soaps. They don't yet know whether they have the same taste in fellas... but they're busy finding out! *Another Page 3 double tomorrow.*



Stephanie

Sam

Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

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DREAM TEAM: How sexy Emma Bunton might look waltzing with Wills



We want Princes to Come Dancing

STRICTLY Come Dancing's judges are begging Princes William and Harry to join the hit telly show.

They reckon the young royals would spice up the celeb dancing contest – and give the series an even bigger kick up the ratings.

The experts believe Harry, 22, would be the best of the two at strutting his stuff on the dancefloor because he has “balls”, although William, 24, has the “better posture”.

And they think the Princes could even give show favourites Emma Bunton, 30, Louisa Lytton, 18, and Mark Ramprakash, 37, a run for their money.

Balls

Asked to reveal his dream competitors, Craig Revel Horwood, 39, named the Princes.

He said Harry would be the better mover, but added: “William has better posture.”

Fellow judge Arlene Phillips, 54, agreed: “I think William would be a little reserved. Harry's got balls.”

“I'd like to teach

EXCLUSIVE

by MARK JEFFERIES & STEPHEN ADAMS

them both a thing or two!”

But the Princes' gran, the Queen, 80, got the thumbs-down as a contestant – along with superstar singer Michael Jackson, 48.

Arlene said: “Bless her, we can't have the over-80s on! And I love Michael Jackson, but he only has three moves.”

● **Strictly Come Dancing** is on BBC1 at 5.50pm on Saturday.

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SIMON'S XCUSE

X FACTOR judge Simon Cowell last night snubbed MacDonald Brother Brian's 20th birthday bash.

TV's Mr Nasty, 47, right, has slated the Brothers and called them “beyond a joke”.

But Sharon Osbourne, 54, and Louis Walsh, 54, were expected at the do, plus all the other wannabes. Brian and Craig's dad Jim said: “Simon said he wouldn't be there.”



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RIGHT BUNCH OF CHARLIES



SO TASTY: Phina says the first thing she did after being voted out was shove chocolate down her throat

JUNGLE EXCLUSIVE PHINA TALKS ONLY TO

DAILY
STAR

from PETER DYKE in Oz

SHATTERED I'm a Celebrity babe Phina Oruche last night revealed that the show's stars were offered secret "bribes" to pep them up.

She said desperate bosses were forced to hand out treats and energy drinks to try to sex up the worn-out and starving telly jungle stars.

And she joked that some of her fellow contestants were given drugs to turn them into livewire "Charlies".

Giggling Phina - who played coke-snorting supermodel Liberty Baker in Footballers' Wives - revealed last night: "With so little food, all of us were just too tired to do anything. We all were."

"It's why people failed the Bush-tucker Trials. You cannot live on just rice and beans. People just wanted to lie around snoozing."

And she joked: "I think they were handing out cocaine to some of the stars, because all of a sudden people were laughing and running around doing head-stands."

Romp

"I think there must have been a bit of 'charlie' (cocaine) in the water at some point. Being a moral Christian, I wouldn't touch it. I don't know what the others did, though!"

Phina also admitted that her two weeks of "hell" in the jungle left her gagging for... chocolate.

And despite insisting she's a virgin, she admitted she couldn't wait for a steamy romp with her secret boyfriend, who has flown to Australia to be with her.

But before heading off for an orgy of food and a reunion with her mystery fella, the 31-year-old spilled the beans exclusively to the Daily Star about camp life.

Phina revealed that the stars had been too hungry to think



MANIC: Wild-eyed Jason Donovan

about nookie and said she lost a stone during her time on the show.

But she said she was not at all worried about being branded a "Z-list snake" by Scott Henshall.

The Daily Star backed the big-hearted scouser's run in the London Marathon earlier this year, which saw her raise £7,000 for charity. But Phina said jungle life was far more gruelling, despite the bribes offered by show bosses.

She revealed: "They were always trying to bribe us to say personal things. Every night they would offer us a chocolate brownie or a coffee if we told all."

"They'd say: 'Talk about the highs and lows of your career, give us three stories and you can have a scone.' Only yesterday they said: 'Have an arm-wrestling contest and we'll give you a cup of coffee.'"

"The bribes just got cheaper and cheaper. They obviously thought the show was too boring and tried to spice it up a bit, but none of us would fall for that trick."

Phina also confessed that TV chiefs

slipped them energy drinks in the hope that it would make the show sizzle.

But she added: "For sex, you need energy. And for energy, you need food. No-one was thinking about sex. All we dreamed about was food."

Within hours of being evicted, Phina was tucking into plates of tasty grub. She insisted: "Rice and beans are definitely off the menu! I'm sick of them."

"The minute I got out of the jungle, all I could think about was going back to the hotel and ramming a Dairy Milk down my throat. I dreamed of having a bath with chocolate and strawberries, then a burger and some Stilton cheese."

"After all that, I will have plenty of energy for sex. You can say I'm gagging for it."

Phina shrugged off her scrap with designer Henshall, 31. After he was booted out, he hissed: "Phina is a calculating, self-obsessed Z-list wannabe. She is more deadly than a snake."

She responded: "Well I am a Z-lister. I'm just a chick who acts. If my boyfriend or mum had said it I'd be hurt, but not him."

Baps

Phina didn't get along too well with some of the other celebs, either. She said Jason Donovan, 38, "never warmed to me", Dean Gaffney, 28, was "sad" and "thinks he's James Bond" and she had "no idea what planet" David Gest, 53, was on.

But Phina hit it off with "cool guy" Matt Willis, 23, and said she hoped Myleene Klass, 28, would win the show.

She said: "I've been told that they've shown lots of Myleene in the shower. Well, she's a babe and I'd love her to win. If they want to show her more than us, that's going to keep the men watching."

"As for me - there's a season for when you want to get your baps out. That season has passed me by now."

And she admitted: "I didn't really know what I was getting myself into. Had I known, maybe I wouldn't have done it. The only good thing to come out of it is that I have raised money for charity."

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Suddenly tired, weak stars started to laugh, and run around doing head-stands

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Picture: TIM MERRY



**Jan's got
that loving
feeling**
SEE PAGE 6

FREE AT LAST: Sexy Phina is jumping for joy after being voted out of the jungle camp on Monday, inset top right

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WET 'N' WILD: Dean and Jan lock lips after their eel-counting victory

DEAN:
EEL DO
FOR JAN

Couple snog after slippery victory

by MARK JEFFERIES

RANDY Dean Gaffney and Jan Leeming celebrated with a juicy snog after taking on some r-eely slippery creatures to win booze for the camp.

The pair had to count eels by moving them from one tank to another. And the Celebrity Chest task really put the willies up squeamish Jan, 64.

She moaned: "I'm decidedly out of my comfort zone. I would almost rather transfer snakes, which are dry."

But she and Dean, 28, soon got stuck in – and he was the one left squealing as he handled the wriggling creatures.

Zero

After correctly counting out 64 eels, the pair celebrated with a steamy kiss before returning to camp. But instead of a being posed a question to win the spoils, the celebs were split into two teams for a Spelling Bee contest.

They decided it would be boys versus girls, with camp leader Jason Donovan, 38, as question master. And former newsreader Jan went from hero to zero, failing to spell "embarrassing".

Mylene Klass, 28, also blundered, leaving the boys to enjoy Irish stout and crisps.
● I'm A Celebrity is on ITV1 at 9pm tonight.
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OLD PAL FINDS IT
KYLIE AMUSING

JASON Donovan's old Neighbours co-star Kylie Minogue has made a stinging joke about his appearance on the show.

The singer, 38, having dinner at a Sydney restaurant with pals, quipped that he was appearing on "I'm A Celebrity... Make Me Famous Again!"

SLIMY: Jan grabs Dean as he picks up an eel



Jungle Grapevine

LACK of food and boredom is sending the celebs round the bend. Matt, 23, says they'll all "freak" if they don't get something to do, David's delirious and forgetting names, Jason reckons he is on the brink of insanity and for 20 minutes they all made digeridoo noises and chanted like morons.

EVICTEES are having hissy fits over the lack of privacy at their six-star Versace Hotel in Surfers' Paradise as cameras film for a spin-off show. Hack Lauren Booth, 39, lost it while chatting at the bar with Scott

Henshall, 31, as a crew filmed them. She barked: "You said you'd film me for 10 minutes and now it's been an hour and a half. Leave us alone."

JASON was leader yesterday and screamed: "We will all be lay-dees. Carry on camping!"

DAVID, 53, is refusing to do any tasks as his foot is badly blistered.

JAN is missing the news. She whined: "There might have been a disaster we know nothing about!" Possibly the ITV2 coverage, Jan?

BUGOMETER

DAVID

He's lost an amazing two STONE in weight...but none of his funniness. Still the one to watch.

MALANDRA

Finally got off her backside and did something. Helped win a decent feed for camp – and showed she's no dizzy blonde.

MYLENE

Our bikini babe was a star in the Trial with Malandra, and her curves look even better now she's shed a few pounds in camp.

JASON

Turned director for the day but his film was hardly a blockbuster. Concentrated on rice, beans and the dunny. His chances of winning could be going down the pan.

MATT

He is getting really bored now and needs something to liven up the action. Otherwise he'll kick off and there'll be a rumble in the jungle.

DEAN

Had to handle something more slimy than himself in the Celeb Chest task. But those eels he grabbed were definitely better looking than greasy Gaffney.

JAN

The ex-newsreader was red-faced when she couldn't spell "embarrassing". Maybe that's her autocue to leave the camp.

PHINA

LAUREN

OUT

FAITH

OUT

OUT

SCOTT

OUT

TOBY

OUT

Illustration:
SCOTT
CLISSOLD

BORAT SPLIT ME AND ROCK

Pamela blames film for love rift

by CAMERON MILLAR

SEXPOT Pamela Anderson has named the man who caused her split from Kid Rock – Kazakh bigmouth Borat.

Her appearance in the spoof journalist's film was the final straw for her seething husband.

Rocker Kid, 35, exploded with rage after seeing Pam, 39, in Borat: Cultural Learnings Of America For Make Benefit Glorious Nation Of Kazakhstan. In the movie, lust-struck Borat – played by comic Sacha Baron Cohen, 35 – tries to kidnap Pamela and make her his bride.

A pal of Pam said: "Kid started screaming at her, saying she had humiliated herself."

"In front of everyone, he told her: 'You're nothing but a whore! How could you do that movie?'"

Blew

The Star revealed yesterday how ex Baywatch babe Pam's four-month marriage to Kid, 35 – real name Bob Ritchie – had come to an end because of "irreconcilable differences".

It caps a devastating few weeks for Pam, who suffered a miscarriage a fortnight ago.

Pals say it all blew up when Kid was invited to a private screening of the Borat movie at the Beverly Hills home of Universal Studios boss Ron Meyer.

Pam has fled to a hotel in Santa Monica with sons Brandon, 10, and Dylan, eight, from her first marriage to Tommy Lee, 43.

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BLOW: Pamela with Kid on their wedding day, and right, in the film Borat



JOKER: Rock saw red over Borat's hit movie

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SWING LOW:
This portable office was hurled into a children's playground



TORNADO TERROR

Village devastated by raging twister

by LIZZIE CATT

A TORNADO tore through a tiny village yesterday, damaging homes, ripping up trees and severing power cables.

And weather experts have warned that more twisters are on the way.

Families were awoken in the middle of the night as 120mph winds left a trail of devastation through the hamlet of Bow Street, near Abersryth, mid-Wales.

The tornado cut a zig-zag swathe through the village, hurling a portable office into a children's playground.

Electricity cables were brought down, trees uprooted, the railway line blocked and caravans on a local holiday site crumpled.

Risk

A Dyfed-Powys police spokesman said: "It's a miracle no-one was killed."

Witness Brian Sandbury said: "I heard a roar like an express train going past."

"I looked out of my window and my back fence and greenhouse had gone."

Kevin Walsh, 54, said: "It hit us first and then sliced a path through the village."

"Across the road there's a house whose roof has been taken off. It was just an amazing experience."

The wrecking spree marked Britain's second tornado in just 72 hours.

A twister hit Boarhunt, Hants, on Saturday and the Tornado and Storm Research Organisation has warned that Britain could be hit again.

Experts fear the southern half of Britain is at the greatest risk.

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CLEAR UP: Street signs were uprooted



POT LUCK: Chimney just missed this car

PICTURES: WALES NEWS

Mr TV has no magic wand

By Mike Ward
Star TV critic

MICHAEL Grade's defection to ITV was bound to be the talk of tellyland the moment the news was leaked.

It's left the Beeb in shock. Many of its bigwigs are quietly seething - while ITV's are chuffed to bits.

But anyone who expects him to wave a magic wand and restore some kind of golden age to the commercial channel is living in a dream world.

Grade obviously hopes to boost ITV's ratings and revenue and he can achieve that.

Talent

Ideally, he'll want to exploit his track record, plus his family's historical ties with the network, to encourage fresh ideas and lure new talent.

But telly is changing fast. ITV faces tougher competition than ever - not just from rival terrestrial channels but from the growing range of alternative entertainment options.

Websites like YouTube and MySpace are prime examples of what is known in the biz as UGC - User-Generated Content. And, believe me, traditional TV types are scared of it.

Most of what you see on these sites at the moment may be total pants, but the people behind them see huge opportunities to develop the idea and challenge our traditional TV-viewing habits.

Battle

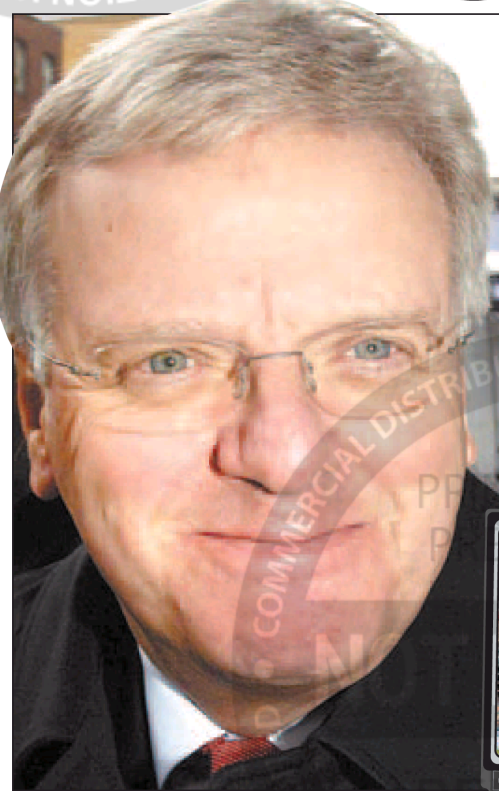
Add to that the growing range of digital and satellite alternatives, the increasingly slick stuff we can get on our mobiles, plus the plans of online giants like AOL, Yahoo and Google to produce their own broadband programmes and you realise the size of Grade's challenge.

This a long-term battle way beyond just topping the Beeb's viewing figures or picking up the next Bafta.

TV, and those who run it, can't afford to be complacent any more. And, as he takes the reins of the commercially-driven ITV, Michael Grade will know that more than anyone.

What new telly boss will mean for your viewing

itv GRADE EXPECTATIONS



TELLY supremo Michael Grade stunned the world of TV yesterday by quitting as BBC chairman to take control of ITV.

Grade, 63, who is set to pocket £8 million over

the next three years, began his career at ITV - his Uncle Lew used to own it.

He claimed last night that it was like "coming home" and he vowed that he would

give the Beeb "a run for its money".

His appointment has delighted the city. But viewers will be anxious about the future of some of their favourite shows.



SCREEN SAVER: Grade will support Ant and Dec, Corrie, above right, and football, below



Who is Michael Grade?

Cigar-chomping nephew of late ITV founder Lew Grade. His dad Leslie was also a top showbiz impresario.

With that background he's bound to be a showman?

He's known for wearing red braces, red socks and being a Charlton fan - and making Channel 4 popular.

Ah, THAT Michael Grade. Wasn't he once known as "the pornographer-in-chief"?

He had that tag in the 80s and 90s after screening lots of smutty shows. He's shaken off that image now and is seen as a safe pair of hands for ITV.

Did he go to ITV for the money?

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So everyone's a winner?

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What about the licence-payers?

Should be good news for them as Grade instigated the Beeb's bid for a rise in the licence fee to £180 by 2013.

What's Grade saying about his move?

He fired off an e-mail to BBC staff claiming: "I am off to a new challenge, maybe at 63 my last real job."

Q&A

What's his track record on programme-making like?

During his early days at the BBC he scrapped Dallas and Dynasty. But he boosted audiences for current affairs and highbrow arts shows.

So can we expect there'll be less Ant and Dec, fewer reality shows and more serious programming?

He is shrewd enough to play to ITV's strengths but expect more family entertainment shows and plenty of spectacular "event" programming.

What about sport?

He'll be fighting to grab more football rights.

And soaps?

EastEnders thrived during his spell but he's bound to be worried about just how much ITV depends on Corrie and Emmerdale.

How long has he been at the BBC?

The former BBC1 controller returned as chairman just two years ago.

Why do ITV need someone like him?

The channel is ailing fast and has suffered high profile flops like Love Island and Celebrity Wrestling.

Who is likely to replace Grade at the helm of the BBC?

Question Time host David Dimbleby, 68, is the early favourite.

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Brothers win on a split decision

THE majority of citizens in Scotland and England now back the break-up of the United Kingdom.

English voters think it's unfair that Scottish MPs in London can vote on English-only matters while the English MPs get no say in what happens in the Scottish Parliament.

I can understand their frustration. It's like having a parent tell you what to do and then say that you're not old enough to tell THEM how to live their life.

Not sure I would want a total split, though. It could end up like a really bad divorce, where we have to divide everything up and give stuff back.

But I'm willing to trade. We'll keep the oil and the whisky...

...you keep Morris Dancing and bitter.

Oh yeah. And we'll let you take the MacDonald Brothers if you promise NOT to give us back Tony Blair.

Talking of the MacDonald Brothers and all things Scottish, never before has a series of the X Factor been so obsessed with the national divide between the two countries.

Simon Cowell started off English, then became 25% Scottish. Then seven days later he wanted us all to know that he had even more Scottish in him: one full half, according to Mam Cowell.

I can't remember what clan he's descended from - The Nasty McHigh Waisties or something like that.

I have had numerous e-mails from Scottish readers wondering where it would all stop.

Because I've seen some cynical attempts to win competitions before but The MacDonald Brothers on Saturday's X Factor took the oatcake.

Realising that even Helen Keller would now be aware how gobsmackingly ordinary they are, they played the slag's hand and bent over and offered Scotland their arse by singing the Proclaimers' 500 Miles.

Embarrassing. Naff beyond words. Cheap. Desperate. And bloody



genius. It's part of Scottish people's DNA that we have to love that song. It's actually illegal north of the border to have somebody belt that out and NOT vote for them.

What will they try next week? Sing in kilts? Daub their faces in Mel Gibson-style Braveheart war paint? Use a troupe of

performing haggis as backing dancers?

(Before you take me to task over mistakes in this column, can I say that I KNOW there's no such thing as performing haggis. It would be performing haggis, to be perfectly grammatically correct.)

Maybe this week the other contestants will play to their regional

strengths as well. Leona will come out dressed as a Cockney Pearly Queen and sing Doing The Lambeth Walk. Ray will belt out You'll Never Walk Alone and Ben will perform How Am I Supposed To Live Without You.

What? Oh sorry... I thought there was a place called Michael Boltonville.

D AVID Beckham wants pot for Xmas! The words leapt out at me from the page. Then I realised my mistake: he wants pots and pans for Xmas. An easy mistake to make.

After all what DO you buy the man who's got everything? Apart from a contract with a club that actually wants him to play football.

But there's only a few people who can afford to buy him a present like that. And they're all called Abramovich.

So why has David aimed his sights as low as something to make soup in?

He says it's because he's always liked making food since he was 17.

Apparently one of his coaches told him back then that it wasn't enough to just

Becks in pot shock

be talented, he had to train and work hard until he was "cooking with gas".

Or maybe if he tells Victoria he wants some pans then there's no danger she'll buy him another sarong.

NEW CCTV cameras will be able to stop fights even starting in the street by monitoring voices to see if arguments are starting. Why don't they just use the current visual medium to remove anybody wearing a shell suit and cap? Same end result.

Jungle jawing

THE longer this series of I'm A Celebrity goes on, the more classic quotes tumble from the mouths of the contestants.

I loved Jason Donovan telling us that "Jan's always looking for wood at 3.45 in the morning."

But not as much as when David Gest punctured the slightly sanctimonious ramblings of his campmates' charity chatter with the revelation that he was raising money for "Chinese Girls with Herpes".

And well done to Faith Brown for managing to squeeze in one impression while being evicted.

But she didn't look quite haggard enough to be the real Madonna.

The Xmas booze war has started. Morrisons fired a shot over everybody else's bows with bottled Stella at £1.10 a litre. Richard Clarke of Grocer Magazine said: "It just begs the question - just how low can prices go?"

No idea. Go on, supermarket, surprise us!

SPIES, RADIATION & NIPPLES

I WAS joking at the start that the poisoning of KGB bloke Alexander Litvinenko was like a James Bond plot. But now it's getting a bit crazy. The police want to question an Italian academic called Mario Scaramella.

Come on now, Mr Scaramanga - if you want to throw us off the scent you'll have to do better than that. Quick! Count his nipples!

Another problem is that some of the universities Prof Scaramella claims to have worked for have never heard of him. This is a bit fishy, because it's not the kind of name you'll forget. We're not talking about Professor Smith here, are we?

There is also the small and pant-messingly scary prospect that Eastern Bloc assassins are

smuggling radioactive chemicals into the UK. The problem is when a Russian turns up saying he's got polonium with him, they assume it's a new full back for Chelsea.

THERE has been a rise in the teaching of creationism in schools. This is the alternative to Darwin's theory of evolution, which argues that contrary to things evolving slowly and natu-

rally over thousands of years, there are things which are so amazing that they could only have been made by a super-smart creator. It's called the argument for intelligent design.

But surely these days there's an equal argument for unintelligent design? I mean, for every mountain sunset there's a Wembley Stadium building project.

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IT'S ALL OVER NOW: Ex wives Bianca, Jerry and Mick's daughter Elizabeth say their goodbyes to Joe

MICK & HIS GIRLS

SO SAD: Mick and L'Wren wear dark glasses to hide their grief for Jagger's dad Joe, inset right

GRIEF-STRIKEN Mick Jagger could not contain the tears as his past and present loves and children joined him at his dad Joe's funeral yesterday. The Rolling Stones singer gave a rare glimpse of emotional pain as his family paid their respects. Joe, 93, died of pneumonia earlier this month, hours after Mick, 63, flew to the US to perform. Joe went into hospital with two broken ribs and a punctured lung after a fall at his home the week before. Among mourners at St Mary's

by ROSS KANIUK

College Chapel, in Twickenham, west London, were Mick's former partners Bianca Jagger, 61, Jerry Hall, 50, and his current girlfriend L'Wren Scott, 39.

Jerry and Mick's children Elizabeth, 22, James, 21, Georgia, 14, and Gabriel, eight, went along with Bianca's daughter Jade, 35. Family members, including Mick's brother Chris, helped carry the coffin, watched by rock star pal Bob Geldof, 52.

Elizabeth tried to put a brave face with a brief smile.

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MISS YOU: Mourners help with Joe's coffin



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IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE...PROF WHO MET POISONED SPY FOR LUNCH



CORDONED OFF: Sushi bar

Detectives lock him in safe house

by IAIN BURCHELL

THE Italian professor who met poisoned spy Alexander Litvinenko hours before he fell ill was last night under guard in a safe house.

Scotland Yard detectives fear key witness Mario Scaramella could be silenced by the hitmen who killed KGB defector Litvinenko with radioactive poison polonium 210.

Scaramella, 38, is locked away in London while being quizzed about his final meeting with Litvinenko and has been driven about in an unmarked car with dark windows.

Trapped

Litvinenko's brother Maxim yesterday accused two Russians of murdering the ex-KGB colonel at London's Millennium Hotel on November 1. He said: "I am sure they poisoned him. They met him, trapped him and gave him poison."

The Health Protection Agency yesterday revealed that five more people have been sent for radiation tests at a specialist clinic - making eight in total. More than 1,100 who had been at locations Litvinenko visited rang the NHS helpline.

Scaramella denies any involvement in the Russian exile's murder. He vowed to reveal every detail of their November 1 lunch



TARGET: Professor Scaramella has been hidden away by police as he tells all about his final meeting with Litvinenko, below

meeting in Piccadilly's Itsu sushi restaurant, where Scaramella handed Litvinenko a hitlist containing their names and that of the spy's billionaire pal Boris Berezovsky.

He said: "I am in a house on the edge of London for reasons of protection and security. I cannot say where I am because I am being controlled by Scotland Yard."

"I have always said I'm willing to help. I will tell them everything that happened at Itsu."

Tony Blair yesterday declared "no diplomatic or political barrier" would stop the investigation.

The PM was heading to a Nato summit in Riga, Latvia, which Russian president Vladimir Putin is expected to attend. Mr Blair said he would speak to Putin - accused by Litvinenko of ordering his murder - at an "appropriate" time.

A post-mortem on Litvinenko's body will be carried out on Friday.

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BYTE CHRISTMAS

Brits buy £7bn of gifts online

HIGH Street stores are in for a battering this Christmas as shoppers turn to the internet for their festive gifts.

Online sales are set to smash the £7 billion barrier – clocking up an amazing £4 million an hour average in the run-up to Christmas Day.

Last night experts said the internet is now seen as a cheaper option and many of the teething problems associated with shopping in cyberspace have been ironed out. And the Interactive Media in Retail Group – which promotes internet shopping – is confident last year's £5bn online sales figure will be smashed.

University of Ulster retail expert Donald McPetridge said yesterday: "We live in a cash-rich, time-poor world."

Wallet

"Not everyone has a bulging wallet or the time to rush around the shops at the last minute."

"Internet retailers are much better prepared for the spurge of last-minute online shopping."

"And they have generally sorted out the various distribution and delivery problems which they experienced in previous years."

He said High Street stores will also suffer

■ by LAURA NEIL

because so many shoppers are overstretched.

He added: "Many cannot afford the latest, up-to-the-minute gadgets, toys or clothes. There is still a massive amount of personal consumer debt around."

"Coupled with a predicted interest rate hike, this will cause many consumers to reconsider their spending habits."

But things will still get frantic, Mr McPetridge said. "Since Christmas Day is on a Monday, there will inevitably be a last-minute rush to the shops."

And he predicted: "The children's toy market will still realise some excellent results with an estimated £2.1bn being spent."

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Aroma's too rich

WATCH your wallet fellas if she asks for perfume this Christmas. You might just end up remortgaging the house to buy the world's most expensive fragrance... at £115,000. The Imperial Majesty version of No1 by Clive Christian was the choice of Katie Holmes, 27, when she wed Tom Cruise, 44, in Italy. And now the mega-expensive bottles are being sold through the Roja Dove Parfumerie in House of Fraser, Manchester, which is also selling smaller bottles for £390. Spokesman Derrick Barker said: "We haven't sold the big one yet."

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Murdered lawyer's distraught fiancée Adele tells his killers:

You have ripped out my heart with your bare hands

by PAUL MALLEY

MURDERED lawyer Tom ap Rhys Pryce's fiancée yesterday branded his killers "barbaric cowards".

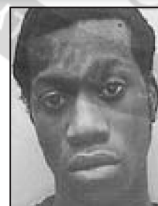
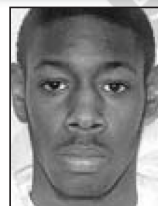
Adele Eastman told them they had "ripped out" her heart and "torn it to pieces".

Donnel Carty, 19, and Delano Brown, 18, got away with his travel card and mobile after a frenzied attack on him just yards from his home.

Tom, 31, was stabbed in the chest, face, thigh and arm in Kensal Green, north London.

Yesterday, as they got life sentences, Carty was told he will serve at least 21 years and Brown 17 years.

Adele, 32, herself a lawyer, was



NO REMORSE: Carty, left, and Brown

to have wed Tom two months ago in Italy.

She broke down in tears as prosecutor Richard Horwell read out her statement at the Old Bailey in central London. Police, court officials and a juror also sobbed. But the cold-hearted killers showed no emotion.

Adele's statement said: "I feel

as though Carty and Brown have ripped out my heart with their bare hands and torn it, very slowly, into pieces.

"Tom was my best friend, my soul mate. I adored him - I always will."

"I grieve for his loss of life and my loss of him. I miss him more than I can describe - his beautiful heart, his brilliant mind, his big loving eyes, his gentle voice, his gleeful laugh and quirky sense of humour, his dancing, our chats and the great fun we used to have."

Tom's parents John and Estella urged the young not to go armed. John said: "We're pleased and grateful justice has been done. It is imperative we stamp out the knife culture in our cities."

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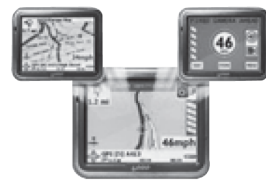
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HUSH HUSH

WHICH drug-loving telly star alienated his closest friends after they allowed him to crash at their house and then caused a health scare? This fella's mates put up with the mess during his drug binges but drew the line at him keeping bags of excrement under his bed. And his response when they confronted him? He giggled.

QUICKIE..

SUGABABES had to be taught to smile in their early days.
Kelisha Buchanan, 22, told Q Magazine: "Things improved a lot when Heidi joined, because Heidi is from Liverpool and people from the north are always more chirpy."

THE GOSS

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Ideal Cam's Just crazy

CAMERON Diaz says she drives boyfriend **Justin Timberlake** crazy cos she's so perfect.

The 34-year-old star claims she is flawless, which is why her singer toyboy, 25, loves her.

Cam said: "I don't know if I do anything to annoy Justin."

"No, nothing. I'm perfect. That's probably what drives him crazy!"

Amazing

The Hollywood babe also raved about Justin's music and says it turns her on.

She said: "Have you heard it? It's fantastic! It's hot! He's incredibly talented, amazingly talented. He's the real thing all the way through. He's amazing."

Cameron is to fly to the UK next week ahead of the premiere of her flick *The Holiday*.

Kate's gem of a girl

WE hear **Owen Wilson** has been looking at diamond engagement rings – sparking rumours he could soon pop the question to actress **Kate Hudson**.

The actor, who has grown increasingly close to his *You, Me And Dupree* co-star since she split from husband **Chris Robinson**, 39, was seen shopping for rings with his mother at the Harry Winston diamond store in Dallas.

Owen, 38, and Kate, 27, met on the set of the romantic comedy this year and the actress – who has a two-year-old son **Ryder** – announced her split from Robinson shortly after.

And although Owen has denied the couple began a relationship before the split, they've frequently been seen dining together.

Pop princess' revealing shot crashes the internet

STOP FLASHING YOUR BRITS



Picture: MATRIX

OOPS! Miss Spears has done it yet again and crashed the internet by showing her Brits in Cyberspace.

The dirty blonde has been hanging out with **Paris Hilton** in more ways than one – as these unspeakably shocking pictures show.

Dozens of websites including Youtube.com crashed as millions tried to view the stomach-churning snaps.

A YouTube spokesman said: "Literally seconds after the shocking pictures were leaked, there was a giant internet meltdown."

"The biggest download websites were completely inoperable as millions of people across the world tried to access these sensational shots."

"This comes days after her alleged sex tape ground the web to a standstill."

Brit, 24, spent the evening partying in Tinseltown with repeat flashers **Paris, 25, and Lindsay Lohan, 20**, who has been caught sans bloomers four times in the past two months.

Awful

The mucky trio hit Guy's nightclub in LA for their fifth bender in eight days – though Paris stayed off the booze for once and drove them back home.

But despite her sobriety, she was unable to cover her new best pal's lady place as they returned to the car.

So Britney ended up giving the world an impromptu biology lesson... and putting dozens of young girls off having sprogs.

Twit Girl Paris knows how awful it is to have

your details shown to the world. Not only did she flash her bits in leaked porno *One Night in Paris*, she also revealed her Latin Quarter as she got into her car in Hollywood.

Despite the internet meltdown caused by her mimesy the following morning Brit wore a defiant T-shirt declaring: "I'm Paris Hilton. I Can Do Whatever I Want" as she left Paris' Hollywood nest.

The fashion statement has led many PR gurus to conclude Brit's flash was the brainchild of her new bestest mate.

A source said: "Brit's launching her comeback career. And she's ditched **Kevin Federline**."

"The timing is very suspicious. Paris is telling Brit exactly what to do. And look at the media storm – it's worked."

In that case, we're burning our computers when Brit's album comes out.



FLASH: Brit, right, is exposed, above, despite her pal Paris's efforts. Left, flashback to her own slip-up

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QUICKIE..

GIRLS Aloud babe **Sarah Harding** has revealed the band always strip off in front of each other – and love looking at each other's naked bodies.

The sexy blonde, 25, currently spread across UK billboards advertising Ultimo's new underwear range, said: "We always get naked in front of each other. None of us has any modesty at all!"

SPOTTED

IN London: **Michelle Heaton** supporting pal **Kate Price**, aka **Jordan**, at the signing of her debut album at HMV, Selfridges, **Calum Best** at the Embassy Club, **Jamie Cullum** on Hampstead High Street, **Russell Brand** and **Courtney Love** at The Dorchester Hotel, and **Lemar** shopping in Islington.

QUICKIE..

COLEEN McLoughlin has revealed she doesn't know what to buy partner **Wayne Rooney** for Christmas.

The 20-year-old fiancée of England star **Wayne**, 21, said: "I haven't got a clue what to get Wayne. I know he's getting me a new car but hopefully I'll get a few girlie stocking fillers too, like perfume and pyjamas."



MORNING AFTER: All covered up, Brit leaves Paris' pad with her new best pal – both wearing the defiant T-shirt message



Aggi-ends night with a carry out

CHRISTINA Aguilera looked as miserable as sin when she headed out of her hotel for a spot of partying in London.

Fast forward to the early hours and the 25-year-old was snapped being carried out of the Kabaret Phrophecy club on the back of a burly bodyguard.

Alka-Seltzer anyone?



Brolly good move, Kate

KATE Moss's ultimatum to **Pete Doherty**, 27, to stop having so many late nights on the lash is paying off. Potty Pete was waiting for the catwalk queen, 32, at her home with this chavvy brolly as she left the Dorchester. He even bought a bunch of flowers from the local garage, bless him.

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What next – sorry to French for Waterloo?

☐ Blair sorry for slave trade, what next, sorry to the french for Waterloo, sorry for crusades? go whole hog & apologise that Britain exists. **mark28**

☐ re blairs deep sorrow about slave trade, yanks carried on for 60 yrs after we stopped. **fil**

☐ Too right reggie, Thatcher had us on the right track and was for us, unlike traitor new labour disgrace! **Saxoneng, b'grove!**

☐ Here Reggie it was Thatcher that got us in this mess. **Joe**

☐ Thatcher is the cause of all our problems. She destroyed industry and communities. Hence no future no law no hope. **enemywithin**

☐ Blair: best PM since the war, and Brown will be even better. **Labour and proud**

☐ So-called UNITARY AUTHORITIES are more concerned with centralising power than greater efficiency. **Rob Stephens**

☐ whats the crack with firms making you work over xmas! bah humbug! **WARBY, WARRINGTON**

☐ is it fair that my boss gets christmas cruise and doesnt give us holiday pay? **LORRIE**

☐ You can tell its nearing christmas the binmen have started saying "hello". **KITCHMEISTER**

☐ way 2 cut crime: get skivvin cops off long term fully paid so-called "sick" wen nowt wrong wiv em! **chops**

☐ KNOW PEOPLE IN BIG POSH HOUSES, BIG CAR IN DRIVE, NONE OF IT PAID FOR, GIVE KIDS BEANS ON TOAST EVERY NIGHT FOR TEA, UP TO NECK IN DEBT. **toby**

☐ i'm sick of hearin about young lads on steroids – whats wrong with hard work and determination? **PETER HODSON, HALEBANK**

☐ RE Mad para. The first airborne troops were crap hats m8. The staffords. **Rik**

☐ 2 mad para. Us gunners tuffer than u lot! **Mad gunner, Nott'm**

☐ Just seen scissor sisters at wembley true stars, lily allen fantastic 2, its a must c eg. **KENT**

☐ Great new band: THE FIRES. Awesome. **Darrin, Bude**

☐ To Chelsea Steve, music RIP when a best of CD can actually compete in the charts. Westlife and Oasis are both crap. **Gante**

☐ 2 chelsea steve ur spot on todays music is pants. I agree bring back ska, two tone. **HULL CITY ROB**

☐ 2 nostalgia gal – ooh yes, Then Jericho, top band! **sherb**

☐ Right on nostalgia gal. Remember baggy pants and the nitwits and bazooka joes? **nostalgia guy**

☐ to dragon lady dont think you ever got walnut inside walnut whip, only on top. **syd**

☐ my whips made ov leather not walnut! **BINZ**

☐ 2 miss heels, will u marry me? **dov**

☐ stockings rule but fishnets look tacky & cheap! **Aqueduct**

☐ never mind stockings – give me lads in long footy socks any day. **LIP**

☐ I always wear blk stockings + sussys. Cum on guys get them on! **andy, lincoln**

☐ 2 jerry i wear boots in bed... wen 2 drunk ta take them off! **carrie**

☐ my wife wears thigh boots in bed! Plays havoc with my sleep! **Dez**

☐ to saucy sue: red stockings and take beard off! **kev the man who growls at badgers**

☐ saucy sue, black stockings, dont trim yr beard. **hairy babe luvr**

☐ anyone out there want 2 pay 2 watch 2 skint fem students wrestle in thigh high boots and minis? **lauren**

☐ i ate 13 shredded wheat once, only stopped coz i ran out! And i dont mean bitesize! **TONKA TRUCK DAVE**

☐ my wee bro sits wit 2 litres of milk a bag of sugar n scuffs a box of shredded wheat. **TUFTE ULSTER**

☐ ANYONE SEEN BISCUIT TOFFY-POPS? NOT SEEN EM FOR AGES. **TED BUNDY IN PRESTON**

☐ whatever happened to baby jane? **Ronnie Random, Rhyl**

☐ Help! the squirrels keep talkin to me! **brookster**

how about a pic of Vida Guerra? the sexiest woman in the world, readers are missing out. **Pete**



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Bro-in-law ellis with brian lara at heathrow. Could do with him down under at the minute! **Lawso**

Jungle crew are bullies

☐ CELEBS OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED. HOW CAN YOU STOP BULLIES IN SCHOOL WHEN CELEBS IN THE JUNGLE R AT IT? ANON

☐ How come no1 in jungle seems bothered about snakes spiders etc in camp? Cos they aint really in jungle. main camp is INDOORS! **Colin**

☐ The macdonald brothers purpose: the proclaimers tribute band. The problem is that they're not pretty enough. **Paul, Bolton**

☐ how do the old McDonald brothers spell their names? e. i. e. i. o. Theyre cr*p. **AVA, WIDNES**

☐ leona was sensational on sats x factor: made ma hair stand up and go shivervy x factor? shes got the full alphabet. **big nail faye alva**

☐ Can't stand leona fae x factor any 1 agree with me? **Madd mick**

☐ daughter called my son a babbling dweeb. Too many US shows on TV. **Cornwallis**

☐ KNOW WHERE JONNY BRIGGS AND HIS DOG RAZZLE ARE THESE DAYS? **LODGER FAE WANTAGE**

☐ What colours roobarb out of roobarb and custard? Doing mi head in! **CROWBAR**

☐ see Andy fae Handsacre u can get txt printed! wee **scotty**

☐ Have been on keely hazell diet, it's brilliant, flat stomach, toned a'se. I'm not sure about my 32E boobs though! **merlin**

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WHEN is a chair like a lady's dress? When it's satin.

VICKY SUMNER, Stockport. WHAT'S the difference between an England footballer and a traffic warden? A traffic warden never misses a penalty.

JOHN FOTHERINGHAM, Falkirk, Stirlingshire.

SAILOR: "Long John Silver, why do you have a turkey on your shoulder instead of a parrot?"

LONG JOHN SILVER: "I was marooned on Christmas Island."

FRED PEGG, Hull, East Yorks.

STILL on the subject of parrots, how can you tell if one is lying to you? Make it take a polygraph.

J. WHITE, York.

A BLONDE is trying to pick up four drinks to carry them over to her mates. The barman offers her a tray, but she replies: "Don't be daft – I've got enough to carry!"

D.J. WHITE, Staffs

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THIS Christmas there will be lots of families missing their dads because they are in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Yet what Blair is doing in those places is only making matters worse for everyone involved.

DAVID SMITH, North Shields, Tyne and Wear. I BET that if Euan Blair were in Afghanistan the troops in his group would have enough of the proper ammunition, rather than being hung out to dry.

A. STILL, Ilford, Essex.

☐ NO ONE would have noticed the cross worn by the lady at British Airways if the company had not brought it to everyone's attention. Certainly not the vast majority of British Muslims.

D. WILSON, Stafford.

☐ I CAN'T wait to see Tiswas back on the box. It will be great to see Chris Tarrant showing his fun side again. Sally James looks as hot as when I was watching as a 14-year-old.

CHRIS LICKARISH, Leamington Spa, Warwicks.

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Mucca charity booty!



HEATHER MILLS stepped in to help kick-start a charity shoe auction yesterday.

Lady Mucca, 38, handed over her kinky boots and two other pairs of shoes to launch the fundraising drive by landmine charity MAG. The group aims to raise more

than £10,000 by auctioning 60 pairs of celeb shoes on eBay.

Items that will send foot fetishists into a frenzy include 39-year-old Pamela Anderson's stilettos, Jimmy Choos from Zoe Ball, 35, and peep-toes donated by Martine McCutcheon, 30.

BACON IS LINKED TO THE BIG C

SCOFFING bacon five times a week could give you bladder cancer.

People who eat rashers that often are 60% more likely to get the potentially fatal disease, a new study has found.

It is another blow to the Great British Breakfast after it was claimed white bread increases the chances of kidney cancer.

Experts believe nitrosamines – chemicals found in processed meats – are behind bacon's link to cancer. Previous studies have linked these compounds with bladder tumours.

More than 10,000 Brits a year get the

by **PAUL MALLEY**

disease and it is more common in men. Research at the Harvard School of Public Health, printed in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, found that of 135,000 people studied 800 got bladder cancer over 22 years.

Risk

There was a 59% rise in risk for those who ate bacon five times a week.

They also found eating skinless chicken increases the risk. Chicken cooked with skin on has lower levels of cancer-causing compounds (heterocyclic amines).

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DEL'S HAD TOO MUCH PLONKA



DRIBBLING: Sir David leaves
by JAMES WICKHAM

LUVVLY bubbly! It looks like Sir David Jason has enjoyed more than a glass or two of champagne at a film premiere.

The Only Fools And Horses star, 66, showed off the kind of dribbly grin that would have suited Del Boy after a heavy night at the Nag's Head.

And no wonder – he even took his own secret supply of booze into the screening of his new TV flick, Hogfather.

Sir David admitted sneaking a small bottle of brandy into the bash in London, saying:

"I was just so nervous."
But he added of his role: "I'm very pleased. I don't know how I could have possibly done it better."

As he left the Hilton Hotel party he came over all shy, covering his face with his hands.

And fellow revellers were left puzzling over mystery marks on the star's face that weren't there at the start.

The £6million movie, based on a Terry Pratchett novel, will be shown on Sky One next month. It tells how a Santa-like figure called Hogfather is kidnapped. Only Death and his sidekick Albert, played by Sir David, can save him.

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TOP OF THE SHOPS

Chain grabs big award

TOPSHOP was yesterday crowned as Best High Street Shop of 2006.

The clothing chain is part of the thriving Arcadia Group empire owned by billionaire tycoon Sir Philip Green, 54.

Arcadia Group also includes Wallis, Evans, Dorothy Perkins and Burton.

The award, presented by the prestigious In Style magazine and voted for by readers and celebs, comes during exciting times for Topshop. Super-

by PAUL MALLEY

model Kate Moss, 32, recently signed a seven-figure deal to design a range for the store.

Fashion

In Style editor Trish Halpin said: "Topshop is an unstoppable fashion machine. Our style-hungry readers can't get enough of its clothes."

Marks & Spencer was named best shop for lingerie.

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